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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Commissioner:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Request for Reconsideration in response to the final Office action mailed on July 9, 2008. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by October 9, 2008, and thus, this response is timely. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Argument begin on page 7 of this paper.

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